GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4743
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
POLICY OF PARTIAL RESITEMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS
RAMESH CHAND TOMAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had amended the policy of partial resitement and resitement of retail outlets in the year 1999;

(b) if so, whether the introduction of new policy has automatically cancelled all such previous cases of partial resitement/ resitement which were approved in the industry meeting and were pending in the District Court/High Courts;

(c) if so, whether the Government have called such cases for approval again; and

(d) if so, the justification for considering the grant of approval to install such Jubilee Petrol pumps which are in pipeline?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) With a view to empowering the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) to face the emerging competition from the Private Sector in the deregulated scenario, the Governmentissued guidelines on 3.9.1998, delegating the authority for resitement of retail outlets/LPG distributorships to the OMCs concerned, subject to certain conditions.As it was felt that even after empowering the OMCs to decide cases of resitement, there might still be some deserving cases not strictly covered by the guidelines,instructions were issued to the OMCs on 28.7.1999 to send such cases to the Government for decision.

Instructions were issued by the Government on 10.5.2000 allowing partial resitement of retail outlets with the approval of the Government subject to certain conditions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) The Government conveyed the decision to discontinue the scheme of setting up Jubilee Retail Outlets (JROs) to the OMCs or 24.11.2000. A proposal has been received from the Oil Industry for permitting the OMCs to set up the JROs in the following cases-

i) Locations where JROs were already under construction as on 1.12.2000.
ii) Where land had been procured as on 1.12.2000.
iii) Where negotiations for land procurement has been completed and the landlord`s confirmation on negotiated terms were received as on 1.12.2000.